

Full and True
ACCOUNT
Of a Terrible
And Bloody Engagement
At SEA;
Between a Squadron of the
French Fleet,
And the Naval Forces
Under the Command of
Our English Admiral,

TOGETHER,
With a particular Account, of the Sinking of
Three of the French Men of War, taking of
Two, and Disabling most of the rest: With the
great Courage and Bravery of our English Sea
Men.

In a Letter to an Eminent Merchant in the City of London.

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SIR,
Being very much in haste,
I here give you a few
particulars of our Late
and Bloody Engagement, with
part of the French Fleet, which
take as followeth.

Our Admiral with nine
Ships of War, cruising off the
French Coast, overtook a small
Portuguese Vessel, that had a

while before been Chas'd by
a French Privateer, and after
several Questions concerning
her Voyage and other Mat-
ters, he was inform'd by the
Master, that he had but six
hours before seen about Nine
Leagues off Brest, Thirteen
French Men of War, design'd
as he was Credibly inform'd
in a direct Course to join the

Thoulon Fleet; whereupon the Admiral, without delay, caused all His Squadron to vere out all the Sail they could, and made right after them: About nine of the Clock the next Morning he happily got sight of them; at which, the *English* giving a gallant Shout, made all the way they possibly could up to them; the *French* steered away as the light of our Fleet, as fast as could be; but finding that 'twas impossible to avoid Fighting, with a seeming Bravery at last they turned, and lay by, expecting us with all the mutual Resolution as could be, within Cannon-shot: Our Admiral at last advancing, gave the Signal of Battel, and followed in Himself with a Capital Broadside; which the *French* Admiral as bravely returned.

And now by this time our Fleet advancing, they fell to it pell-mell; and notwithstanding the Disadvantage of Number, they quickly made the *French* perceive that *English* Hearts were resolved to run the greatest Hazards, rather than seem to have the least apprehensions of the inequality of their Number; the Fight however continued obstinate for the space of three Hours,

and then the *French* Admiral receiving his mortal Shot, made the Signal of Retreat, and immediately began to fly; but our Admiral perceiving their Design, made up through the middle of them with such Vigour, that he quickly put our Selves Masters of Two of their best Ships, and had the satisfaction of seeing three more sink down right before us; the rest much shatter'd and torn, with much ado, got away, leaving us with our two Prizes, and heartily rejoicing for the present Advantages we had gained, and wishing for the like Opportunities hereafter. This is all at present from yours

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